

## A wide landscape photograph showing a lush green field in the foreground. In the middle ground, a dense line of trees displays vibrant autumn foliage in shades of yellow, orange, and red, interspersed with evergreen trees. A small, dark structure is visible among the trees. The background is a clear blue sky with light, wispy clouds.

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# 77728

United States of America } Patent  
James Stryker }

Homestead Certificate # 536 }  
application 7293 } To the United States of America  
To let to whom this patent shall  
come yielding.

Whereas there has been deposited in the general land office  
of the United States, a certificate of the register of the land  
office of Seattle Washington Territory, whereby it appears that,  
pursuant to the act of Congress approved 20<sup>th</sup> of May 1862  
"To secure Homesteads to the actual settlers on the Public  
Domain", and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of  
James Stryker has been established and duly examined in  
conformity to law for the east half of the northwest quarter  
and the east half of the southeast quarter of section eight  
in Township 25 north of range six east, of Willamette  
meridian in Washington Territory, containing one hundred and  
sixty acres, according to the Official Plat of the survey of  
the said land, returned to the said land office by the  
Surveyor General.

Now know ye, that there is therefore, granted by the  
U.S. unto the said James Stryker, the tract of land above  
described. To have and to hold the said tract of  
land with the appurtenances thereof unto the said

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# Gunshy Manor History Timeline

- December 17<sup>th</sup>, 1890 the Homestead Certificate is issued to James Stryker.
- Stryker built the property's existing log cabin in 1900.
- The property was acquired by Ames Ogden on June 16, 1926
- On August 22, 1940 Mr. Ogden sold the property to Wilbur F. Colman, Editor of the Sports Afield Magazine. Coleman loved the property and bought it to create his "hunting retreat".
- In 1942 Coleman commissioned the building of the existing main residence, guest house and workshop.
- The log cabin was used as a storage shed for clay pigeons. Its deck was the launch point for shooting trap and skeet.
- In poor health, Coleman sold the property to William F. Niemi, owner of the sportsman outfitter store, Eddie Bauer.
- Niemi named the property "Gunshy Manor" because the gun closets in the main residence were empty when he acquired the property.
- Niemi sold Gunshy Manor to William and Barbara Nelson on February 4, 1957. The Nelsons acquired the 124 acres west of Union Hill Road of the original 160 acre Homestead.
- The Nelson's added several contiguous property acquisitions to Gunshy Manor. These included 15 acres on Union Hill from Miranti, Johnson and Tomason. They also acquired 39 acres of property on the Red Brick Road from Thompson, Gibson and Bernhart.
- On October 18, 1989, the Nelsons sold 70 acres to Northstream for the development of "Gunshy Ridge".
- Under the Nelson's stewardship Gunshy Manor prospered as a Polled Hereford and Thoroughbred breeding farm.
- Gunshy Manor was recently announced as a finalist to win Washington State's highest honor in Thoroughbred racing for 2013 by the Racing Hall of Fame in the Thoroughbred breeding category. In 2007, Margo's Gift, a Gunshy Manor bred Thoroughbred, won the Breeders' Cup Stakes at Monmouth Park and is one of Washington breeds' leading all time money earners.

On December 17<sup>th</sup> 1890 the original homesteader James Stryker received Homestead Certificate #3361 for a 160 acre quarter section in the Washington Territory from President Benjamin Harrison. This Certificate, known as a "Land Patent", number 77928, transferred the ownership of the property from the Washington State Territory of the United States to James Stryker for the property we fondly refer today as Gunshy Manor.

All of the owners past have contributed to Gunshy Manor in their stewardship and respect for the property. From the grit and determination of James Stryker who lived in the existing log cabin and began the clearing and agricultural activities to individual members of the Nelson family who physically did much of the clearing of the property and arduous task of removing the stumps and creating the lush open pastures to make Gunshy Manor what it is today.

Gunshy Manor is a unique property that is connected directly to the past and perfectly positioned for the future.

